Violation by DOT of its own Guidelines

1390. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item in the Times of India dated 25th November, 1993 captioned "DOT flouted own guidelines" ;

(b) if so, whether the Department of Telecommunications had violated its own guidelines issued from time to time in respect of cellular phones ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to fully implement DOT guidelines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The news item relates to the arguments put forward by the Counselors of the contending parties in the case of franchising of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta & Madras, in the Hon'ble court of Chief Justice of India, Supreme Court. As the matter is subjudice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, no comments can be offered at this stage.

Telephone Calls to Gulf from a dead Phone

1391. SHRI V. GOPALASAMY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in Indian Express on the 5th August, 1993 captioned Rs. 98,978 bill for calls to gulf from a dead phone ;

(b) whether any enquiry has been ordered by Government into this episode ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Matter is being investigated.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Time taken for the Installation of Telephones Sanctioned to MPs

1392. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the time limit for the installation of telephone connections sanctioned out of turn on the recommendations of Members of Parliament ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the telephone connections sanctioned on the recommendations of the Members of Parliament in 1992 in Dehradun district of Uttar Pradesh have not been installed so far ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and by when these connections are likely to be installed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Telephone connections sanctioned out of turn on the recommendations of Members of Parliament are to be installed within thirty days after observance of Departmental formalities subject to technical feasibility.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. All the telephone connections sanctioned on the recommendations of Members of Parliament, in Dehradun District during the year 1992 have been installed except one due to non-submission of registration particulars. This connection will be provided on completion of Departmental formalities by the applicant.

सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र में नये टेलीफोन कनैक्शन

1393. श्री चिमन भाई हरिभाई शुक्ल : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1993-94 तथा 1994-95 के दौरान सौराष्ट्र के राजकोट, जामनगर, जूनागढ़, भावनगर, कच्छ, अमरेली तथा सुरेन्द्र नगर जिलों में कितने नये टेलीफोन कनैक्शन दिये जायेंगे,

(ख) 30 नवम्बर, 1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार इन जिलों में प्रतीक्षा-सूची की स्थिति क्या है